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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 22, 1998 for three months from December 22, 1999 to March 22, 2000.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$870.00 to cover

the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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